Ban on filling of vacancies in Government of India Printing Presses

1122. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued to the Government of India Printing Presses, banning filling of vacancies and whether these instructions also cover the resultant vacancies of operative nature, connected with the productive work in Government Presses; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GAFOOR): (a) and (b) As on the anti-inflationary measures Government have decided that except in the most exceptional circumstances and except in cases where advance recruitment action has been taken, no new post should be created or existing vacancies filled up. This ban has been made applicable to both operational and non-operational posts since 1st October, 1984. These instructions apply to the Government of India Presses also.

Telecasting of Haj Programme

1123. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to telecast "Haj programme directly from Saudi Arabia in August 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): No, Sir.

पायरिला कीट को मारने के लिए कीटनाशक दवाओं का छिड़काव

1124. **श्री सत्य पाल मलिक** : क्या कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर भारत में पायरिला नामक कीड़े को मारने के लिए कितने प्रतिशत फसलों पर कीटनाशक दवाओं का छिड़काव किया गया है ; और

(ख) फसलों पर इन कीटनाशक दवाओं के छिड़काव से क्या नतीजा प्राप्त हुआ है ?

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चंद्र लाल चन्द्राकर) : (क) पायरिला के खतरे का सामना करने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा और पंजाब के 91 प्रतिशत संक्रमित क्षेत्र में कीटनाशी दवाओं का छिड़काव किया गया है ।

(ख) केन्द्रीय और राज्य सरकारों के अधिकारियों के संयुक्त दलों द्वारा किये गये मूल्यांकन के अनुसार कीटनाशी दवाओं के छिड़काव के पश्चात् कृमियों को नश्वरता की दर 75—90 प्रतिशत के बीच रही है जिसे बहुत ही संतोषजनक स्थिति माना गया है ।

Quality of news of Doordarshan

1125. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of the Prime Minister which appeared in the Indian Express of July 13, 1985 wherein he has stated that the quality of news on Doordarshan is "terrible"; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to improve the quality?